



**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Resolution of the Village of Westmont Supporting the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary**

**Whereas**, the Village of Westmont, in conjunction with the Village of Clarendon Hills, is proposing to construct, maintain and operate the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary on public property; and

**Whereas**, Richmond Gardens will provide a new place in our community to promote educational programs about natural gardening and landscaping methods and the natural environment; and

**Whereas**, Richmond Gardens will be designed to include a hobbyist apiary surrounded by native vegetable, wildflower, butterfly, wall and rain gardens; and

**Whereas**, Richmond Gardens will promote the safe harboring, treatment of, and cooperative efforts of working with honeybees, which are ever critical to a healthy and sustainable environment; and

**Whereas**, Richmond Gardens will provide an opportunity to beautify an underutilized vacant piece of public property, grow plants for pollinators, and create an edible garden.

**Whereas**, community gardens enrich our communities and improve property values; and

**Whereas**, community gardens provide a more livable environment and present a positive local image to our community's residents and visitors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois as follows:

1. The Village of Westmont hereby supports an active partnership with the Village of Clarendon Hills to construct, maintain and operate the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary, finding this project will serve and educate the public.
2. The Village of Westmont hereby supports Village efforts to seek grant money for the development of the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary, and to otherwise raise funds for this project from both private and public donations. The Village

further commits to providing financial assistance to this project as needed over and beyond the grant and donation money received.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

**Ayes:** \_\_\_\_ **Nays:** \_\_\_\_ **Absent:** \_\_\_\_

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**Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk**